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Introductory Comment

1. Nationalist military arsenals captured by the Communists include the following: No. 11, Chuchou (113-06, 27-53); No. 90, Mukden, whose estimated capacity was reduced 80 percent by Soviet removals of equipment, machinery and supplies; No. 44, Tsinan; No. 61, Shanghai; No. 30, Wuchang (114-17, 30-32); No. 70, Peiping; No. 60, Nanking; the group at Taiyuan (112-35, 37-52); and No. 26, Hanyang (114-14, 30-31)*****.

Capture of the arsenals solved the Communists' major production problems because the condition, production and products of these arsenals were vastly better than those of the small-scale factories previously possessed by the Communists. This report gives details of the production of each arsenal before capture.

2. It is estimated that at one time the Communists had some 400 armament factories. The equipment of a good many was crude owing to the shortage of buildings, machine tools and technicians. Many factories existed only to fill local daily needs, and were moved from place to place. After the major Nationalist arsenals were captured by the Communists, the value of small factories diminished. Several were closed, others were moved, and some were combined. Because of this, it has been impossible to avoid including some obsolete material in this compilation, as well as some duplication of information.

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4. The following tables were compiled from data collected before November 1948, and

arsenals have not been included. An attempt has been made to include only that material which is reliable and up-to-date. However, no production details are known after Communist occupation of the arsenals; it is likely that they have increased production during the past year (1949). It is probable that, in some cases, capacities as given vary somewhat from actual production.

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The equipment of the five preceding arsenals was not removed and fell into Communist hands in toto.

✓ 6. Arsenal No. 60, Nanking
Monthly Capacity Situated outside Chung Hua Gate, Nanking
100,000 hand grenades
20,000 No. 82 mortar bombs*
15,000 82 mm projectors*
6,000 assault rifles*
5,000 120 mm projectors*
1,000 assault guns*
1,000 105 M.G.s*

The greater part of the equipment and machinery from this arsenal was removed to Taiwan and Kaohsiung in Taiwan. A small part left behind in Nanking for repair was lost.

✓ 7. Arsenal No. 61, Shanghai
Monthly Capacity Situated in Janghua Road, Shanghai
10 armored vehicles*

The greater part of equipment and machinery from this arsenal was removed to Taipei and Shungshan (120-38, 23-23) in Taiwan. A small portion left behind in Shanghai was lost.

✓ 8. Northwest Manufacturing
Plant
Monthly Capacity Situated in Hsi Min Tsun, Taiyuan
1,500 boxes of small-arms ammunition
1,200 rifles*

✓ 9. Northwest Artillery
Manufacturing Plant
Monthly Capacity Situated inside Taiyuan Arsenal, Taiyuan
90,000 artillery shells*
2,000 field*
5,000 120 mm pieces*
200 82 mm trench mortars*
200 120 mm trench mortars*
100 105 mm
100 120 mm
200 120 mm pieces*
200 105 mm pieces*
200 120 mm mountain pieces*

All the equipment and machinery of the two Northwest plants above were lost to the Communists.

✓ 10. Northwest Yu Tsai
Steel Works
Monthly Capacity Situated in Arsenal Road outside Great Northern
Gate, Taiyuan
50,000 sheets of all descriptions
100 tons cast iron
100 tons steel

✓ 11. Chin Hing Industrial Co.
Monthly Capacity Situated in San Ping Shih Street, Taiyuan
3,000 hand grenades
100 82 mm trench mortars*

✓ 12. Northwest Munition Plant
Monthly Capacity Situated in Hsi Min Tsun, Taiyuan
50 tons of explosives

✓ 13. Northwest Repair Shop
Monthly Capacity Situated in Arsenal Road, Taiyuan
200 Nos. 82 M.G.s*
100 Nos. 120 mm

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Northwest Locomotive Repair Shop Located in Arsenal Road, Taiyuan

✓14. Northwest Locomotive Repair Shop Monthly Capacity	15,000 casings for No. 3 hand grenades* 1,000 mountain piece shells* 100 projector missiles* 30 mountain pieces*
✓15. Northwest Industrial and Machine Tool Factory Monthly Capacity	Situated in Kan Ho village (unlocated) north of Taiyuan 35,000 rounds of LMG and HMG ammunition 1,000 howitzer shells* 1,000 hand grenades of all descriptions 200 mountain piece shells* 150 projector missiles* 100 HMGs and LMGs* 50 flame throwers* 10 mountain and field pieces* An unspecified number of howitzers*
✓16. Taiyuan Manufacturing Co. Monthly Capacity	Situated in Small East Gate Street, Taiyuan 3,000 No. 75 rifles** 200 LMGs*
✓17. Chin Hing Repair Shop	Situated in Small East Gate Street, Taiyuan <p>This shop undertook repairs of all types of small arms and the production of all types of shells and munitions. Its monthly capacity is not known.</p>
✓18. Fu Hing Repair Shop Shop	Situated in Pai Hsiao Tsians, Taiyuan <p>This shop undertook repairs of all types of small arms and the production of all types of shells and munitions. Its monthly capacity is unknown.</p>
✓19. Chien Hing Industrial Machine Shop	Situated in Hsien Chien Street, Taiyuan <p>This shop undertook manufacture of trench mortars, LMGs, HMGs, light artillery pieces, and all types of shells. No capacity figures are available.</p>

All equipment and machinery belonging to the establishments numbered 10 to 19 above were lost to the Communists.

Important Arsenals Known To Have Been Located in Communist Areas

1. Liaoning Province.

- a. One arsenal located north of Tae Ho (unlocated). Half of its 2,000 workmen were Japanese.
- b. One arsenal located in the former premises of the iron foundry at Wafangtien (119-15, 41-08). Employing 5,000 workmen, it can manufacture all types of munitions.

2. Anhui Province.

- a. Ya Piao Tze Shan Arsenal Located in the neighborhood of Ning Liang (unlocated). A large number of its

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Daily Production

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300 hand grenades*
70 rifles*

f. Antung Arsenal

Daily Production

1200 (124-24, 40-08). 700 skilled Japanese laborers.
50 rifles*
30 pistols*

g. One arsenal located along the bank of the river outside the East Gate of Chian (126-10, 41-06). 10 percent of its 2,000 workmen were Japanese and Korean. Machinery was established underground.

Daily Production

2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
150 hand grenades*
50 land mines*

h. One arsenal located in Chung-fu Street, Antung. 2,000 workmen.

Daily Production

300 hand grenades*
20 rifles*
10 grenade dischargers*
2 machine guns*

3. Liaopei Province.

a. Liberation Repair Shop

Daily Production

Located to the south of Ssu Ma Lu on the east of Ssu Ping Road. 3,000 workmen. Organized in four sections: repair, manufacture, supply, and general affairs.***
1,500 rounds of small-arms ammunition.

b. Taonan Arsenal

No production details available.

c. Taoan Arsenal

Located in Taoan (122-49, 45-37)
No production details available.

4. Sungkiang Province.

a. Nankang Arsenal

Daily Production

Located south of Harbin. 2,000 workmen. It was converted from the main repair shop of the Harbin Railway Administration.
1,500 rounds of small-arms ammunition
50 hand grenades*

b. Tung Kee Workshop

No production details available.

c. One arsenal located at Ssu Pia Yunn, Harbin, to the southeast of the Mukanchiang Railway line. 2,000 workmen.

Daily Production

2,000 hand grenades*
500 artillery shells*

d. Sungkiang Military District Arsenal

Daily Production

Located in a dugout on the hill to the northeast of Mukanchiang (120-36, 44-35). Workmen among whom were 50 Japanese. It could repair large-caliber artillery shells.
1,600 rounds small-arms ammunition
100 land mines*
2 grenade dischargers*

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 One arsenal converted from a chemical manufacturing plant situated in Tai Ping Chiao, Harbin. 300 workmen, of whom 20 were Japanese and Korean.

Daily Production

f. Hunchun Arsenal

Daily Production

g. Yenchi Arsenal

1,000 hand grenades*
200 land mines*

located near Hunchun (130-21, 42-52). The exact number of workmen unknown, but over 100 Japanese are included.

1,000 hand grenades*

located in the southern outskirts of Yenchi (129-31, 42-53). 2,000 workmen, of whom more than half were Japanese. It can manufacture mountain pieces, HMGs, and rifles. It is one of the two largest arsenals in eastern Manchuria.

5. Kirin Province.

Kirin Arsenal

Daily Production

located on the hill to the south of East Railway Station at Tumen (129-49, 42-58). 2,000 workmen.

1,000 artillery shells*
200 land mines*

6. Hokiang Province.

a. Chi Hsi Arsenal

located in the area to the west of Tungan (127-51, 45-33). 5,000 workmen. Established December 1946, it was the largest Communist arsenal in Manchuria.

b. Hokiang Arsenal

located on the hill five li north of Chihhsi (124-58, 45-18). 1,000 workmen, of whom 100 were Japanese.

3,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
3,000 hand grenades*
500 artillery shells*

7. Heilungkiang Province.

a. Tung Ta Arsenal

located Tienli (128-02, 46-57). 3,000 workmen, including 300 Japanese skilled laborers and two of Soviet origin.

b. Heilungkiang Arsenal

located at Mei Erh Keng (unlocated) to the north of Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-30). 1,700 workmen. Well-equipped, it could undertake the manufacture of machine guns and rifles.

8. Nunkiang Province.

Tsitsihar Arsenal

located at Tsitsihar. The director of the arsenal was CHAO Wen. No details of production are available.

9. Jehol Province.

a. One arsenal located in the premises of the local prison at Kailu (121-12, 43-35), with branches in the premises of the Chi Shou administrator's building

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Daily Production

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1,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
500 hand grenades*
300 artillery shells*

5. One arsenal located in the Tz'u-t'ien Mountain to the west of the Temple of the God of Medicine. (Yuchianghsien) 1,000 workmen.
Daily production
1,000 hand grenades*
500 land mines*

c. 4th Productive District of East Jehol
Daily Production
Located at La Pa Tung, Lingnan (119-47, 40-50). 1,000 workmen. The director of this arsenal was MA Yu-fung.
500 hand grenades*
200 artillery shells*
80 land mines*

10. Chahar Province.

a. Chahar Arsenal

Daily Production

Located at Lu Chih Ling (unlocated), 70 kilometers to the east of Ho Ying (unlocated), a village to the west of Hsien (unlocated). 600 workmen.
900 hand grenades*
200 land mines*
20 pistols*

11. Hopei Province.

a. One arsenal located on Yamen street, Hei Cu (unlocated) village near Teching Kuan (unlocated), to the west of Hsien (115-29, 39-21). 1,600 workmen, of whom 1,000 were Japanese. Rifles, artillery shells, small-arms ammunition, land mines, and small-caliber artillery pieces were manufactured here, but exact production figures are not known.

b. One arsenal located at Pei Wa (unlocated) village, twenty li northwest of Wuchianghsien (115-51, 38-10). 1,000 workmen, of whom twenty were Japanese. The director of this arsenal was MA Wen-yao.

Daily Production

32 rifles*
4 machine guns*

c. One arsenal located on the hill to the north of Yang Ping Chen (unlocated), southwest of Foupinghsien (115-22, 38-52). 3,000 workmen. Has its own power plant. Production figures not ascertained, but the plant worked day and night.

d. One arsenal located at Pai Tu (unlocated) village, seventy li to the west of Tzuhsien (114-23, 36-22). 2,000 workmen.

e. One arsenal located at Chiach u-chuang (113-42, 38-34), to the northwest of Pingshan and southwest of Fouping. 1,300 workmen. Daily production not known.

f. One arsenal located at Chun Ching Chen (unlocated) to the northwest of Pihsien (unlocated). 1,000 workmen among whom were Russian and Japanese skilled laborers.

Daily Production

1,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
300 land mines*
300 hand grenades*

g. One arsenal located at Ching Ching (unlocated), 40 kilometers east of Fouping. 1,400 workmen.

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Daily Production

4,000 land mines*
 4,000 hand grenades*
 2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
 200 rifles*
 10 machine guns*
 3 trench mortars*

h. Hopei Artillery Ammunition Factory

Located at Ying Chien (unlocated) village, 70 li to the northeast of Taiping. 1,150 workmen.

Daily Production

400 artillery shells*

i. One arsenal located at Ssu Nien Chiang (unlocated), about 40 li to the east of Tsac Tsiang (unlocated). 1,150 workmen.

j. One arsenal located about fifteen li from Huchienhsien (116-05, 38-26). 2,000 workmen. This arsenal had two sections, viz.: a foundry and an explosives plant.

Daily Production

1,000 hand grenades*
 100 land mines*

12. Shansi Province.

a. One arsenal located at Lichen (113-31, 36-24). 1,000 workmen.

Daily Production

24 grenade dischargers*
 20 rifles*

b. One arsenal located at Tai Wang Tsai, Kaoping (113-04, 35-48). 6,000 workmen.

Daily Production

1,000 hand grenades*
 500 land mines*
 100 rifles*
 4 machine guns*

c. 21st Arsenal

Located at Chi Chieh Tsun (unlocated), 30 li from Lucheng (113-21, 36-15). 1,700 workmen. The director of this arsenal was CHANG Pin-ting. This arsenal was moved from Kuantu (114-05, 36-16), Kwei-chou Province. It had an electric power plant; it could manufacture trench mortars, and grenade dischargers. The plant was established at Lucheng in 1947.

d. New China Company

Located in Ping Cheng Chen, Lingchuan (113-25, 35-43). It had 1,000 workmen and new machinery. It manufactured No. 38 trench mortars*.

e. One arsenal located at Lei Ting Tsai, 60 li northwest of Chincheng (112-56, 35-31). 2,000 workmen. There were a number of Japanese technicians. It could manufacture No. 38 rifle* as well as explosives.

f. One arsenal located at Lei Ting Tsai (unlocated), 40 li north of Chincheng. 2,000 workmen. This arsenal was being enlarged. It could manufacture light machine guns, rifles, and bombs.

g. An artillery ammunition factory located at Nan Shih Tsao, five li outside the East Gate of Changchih (113-14, 36-05). 2,400 workmen. HUANG Tin-kuo was the director of this factory. It could manufacture trench mortar bombs at a daily rate of about a hundred boxes.

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ll. One arsenal located at Yingcheng, Changchih. 1,500 workmen. KUO Kung-cheng was director. It was a branch of the arsenal located at Licheng.

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Daily Production:

1,500 hand grenades*

100 land mines*

100 artillery shells*

ll. A repair shop located in Fu Liang, 1 li west to the north of West Street, Changchih. It employs 2,000 men. HANG Pi-yi-hwei was director.

Daily Production:

10 grenade dischargers*

20 rifles*

2 artillery pieces*

j. Ammunition factory located in Li Uta Chuang (unlocated) to the southeast of Hukuan (113-22, 46-54). 1,000 workers. CHEN Te-yu was director.

Daily Production:

2,000 hand grenades*

100 land mines*

k. One arsenal located at a coke producing center at the intersection point of Wutai (113-34, 39-04), Fouping and Pingshan (114-13, 38-16). 1,300 workmen who produced 2,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition daily.

l. One arsenal located at Liukou, Nukiang (112-58, 36-45). 4,000 workers.

Daily Production:

1,000 hand grenades*

200 catties wrought iron

200 land mines*

200 rifles*

10 machine guns

m. One arsenal at Fu Tou Tsun (unlocated), to the southeast of Hukuan. 2,000 workmen. This arsenal had an electric power plant. It could manufacture rifles, machine guns, trench mortars, land mines, and grenade dischargers.

n. Shansi-Suiyuan Explosives Factory

Daily Production:

Located in Hou Chia Chi Tai, Ninghsien (unlocated). 1,000 workmen and some eighty machines.

20,000 rounds small-arms ammunition

o. An artillery ammunition factory at Shih Kong Tsun (unlocated), ten li to the north of Liachsien (113-37, 37-01). 1,000 workmen who produced 250 artillery shells daily.*

p. Shansi-Hopei-Nan Border Area Arsenal

Daily Production:

Located at Kuang Hua Tung (unlocated) to the south of Liachsien. 1,000 workmen. 10,000 rounds small-arms ammunition

50 hand grenades*

4 machine guns*

2 HMGs*

2 trench mortars*

q. Taihong Military District Arsenal

Daily Production:

At Sung Yen Chen (unlocated), 50 li to the southeast of Hoshun (113-37, 37-19). 1,000 workmen.

2,000 rounds small-arms ammunition

100 hand grenades*

20 rifles*

10 grenade dischargers*

r. Taihong Military District Hand Grenade Factory

Daily Production:

Located at Shang Chang Tsun (unlocated), 10 li south of Yangcheng (112-30, 35-30). HANG Chien director. 1,000 employees.

5,000 hand grenades*

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 Taihang Military District
 Hand Grenade Factory

located at Hsia Chang Tsun (unlocated),
 about 40 li south of Yangcheng. 600
 workmen who produced daily some 1,000
 batteries of explosives.

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t. One arsenal located at Shang Chai Lin (unlocated) to the southeast of Lingchiu (114-04, 39-24). 2,000 workers.

Daily Production 1,000 hand grenades*
 50 artillery shells*
 20 rifles*

u. One arsenal located at Ku Yen Tsun (unlocated), southeast of Licheng.
 2,000 workmen.

Daily Production 10,000 hand grenades*
 100 grenade dischargers*
 100 rifles*
 30 machine guns*
 10 heavy trench mortars*
 10 light trench mortars*

v. One arsenal at Changchih. TSI Yen-chun, director. This arsenal had its own electric power plant. 1,500 workers. It produced trench mortars, grenade dischargers, rifles, land mines, and hand grenades. The exact production figures could not be ascertained.

w. One arsenal located at Liang Tien Tsun, Liachsien. 1,000 workmen who produced 30 rifles* and 8 machine guns* daily.

x. An arsenal in Huai Shih Chai, Suiyuan. 3,000 workmen. TUNG Kuei-chi, director. Production consisted of an unknown number of rifles and artillery shells.

y. An arsenal located at Tsao Tsu (unlocated) outside the east gate of Changchih. 2,000 workmen. It could produce an unknown quantity of trench mortars, rifles, and machine guns.

z. One arsenal at Tien Ping Kew, 40 li southeast of Wuchai (111-49, 38-55). The production of this arsenal, which was formerly located in northern Shensi and employs 1,000 workmen, is not known.

aa. A steel works at Ho Shang Kew, 40 li southwest of Chinglohsien (111-52, 28-23). 1,000 workmen. Production unknown.

bb. An arsenal in an old temple, 54 li northeast of Wutai. 1,100 workmen among whom were Japanese and Russian technicians. Using power produced in its own plant, it manufactured rifles, hand grenades, and land mines.

cc. One arsenal located in Kuan Ning, F-n, north of Hsia Men Tsun (unlocated), 20 kilometers southwest of Shechih (112-12, 39-05).

Daily Production 10,000 rounds small-arms ammunition
 100 rifles*

dd. Maotien Arsenal

g. Maotien (unlocated), 60 li southeast of Linohsien. 4,000 workmen, among whom were 10 Russian and 10 Japanese technicians.

20 rifles*
 3 machine guns*
 10 trench mortars*

Daily Production

Weekly Production

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13. Shantung Province

a. 2d Arsenal

Located at Ta Yu Chuang (unlocated), four li from Tsakou (120-35, 36-43), west of Chihchia (120-49, 37-16). 2,000 workmen among whom were Russian technicians.

b. A hand grenade factory at Pei Lin Lin Miao, 30 li east of Menzying (317-59, 35-45). 2,000 workers, who produced 30,000 hand grenades daily.

c. One arsenal 60 kilometers southwest of Tahsiakotou, Mouping (121-37, 37-24). 1,300 workmen. It could produce heavy trench mortars and howitzers, and was experimenting with bazookas.

d. Arsenal located at the northeast corner of Nanchen (116-14, 36-45), northeast of Hsinshui (unlocated). 1,000 workmen. Produced artillery shells and land mines. It also undertook repairs.

e. An arsenal located at Wenteng (121-03, 37-12), and its immediate vicinity. 1,900 workers. Produced rifles, tommyguns, and grenade dischargers.

f. One arsenal located at southwest corner of Mingtien, Lunan (unlocated). Used 2,000 workmen and produced 400 artillery shells daily.

14. Henan Province

a. An arsenal located at Hsi Ta Sun (unlocated), 45 li east of Shehsien (113-50, 36-38). 5,000 workers. It used waterpower from the Chang river, but production is not known.

b. A chemical works in Ho Tsoo Chen, Kuan (114-16, 36-44). Besides producing 1,000 catties of sulfuric explosives daily, its 1,200 workers turned out rifles, land mines, and hand grenades.

c. One arsenal located at Tung Li Tsien (unlocated), 18 li northwest of Shehsien. Equipped with a hydroelectric power plant, it employed 1,800 workers. It produced 2,000 pounds small-arms ammunition and 1,000 hand grenades daily; and 50 rifles, 8 trench mortars, and 7 light machine guns weekly.

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* Comment. Weapon not identified or type not specified.

** 25X1A Comment. All weapon identifications are given as received. Tentative identifications based on information available are:

a. No. 75 rifle

Probably a Chinese imitation of the German 7.5mm Mauser bolt-action military rifle.

b. No. 41 75mm mountain gun

Probably an imitation of the Japanese Model 41 (1908) 75mm infantry gun, which was originally the standard Japanese pack artillery weapon.

c. 50mm mortar

Probably an imitation of the Japanese Model 90 (1938) 50mm trench mortar.

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*** Comment. The condition of the Chienchi Arsenal since its transfer to the Kweichow Provincial government is not known.

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**** Comment. No city or town location received.

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***** Comment. The majority of the equipment of Arsenal No. 26, Nanyang, was moved to Taiwan before the Communists arrived.

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Production at Certain Nationalist Armories Prior to Communist Occupation:

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1. Arsenal No. 11, Chuchow
Monthly Capacity
Main plant at Chuchow; branch plant at Shengchi
(1091 S, 27-29)***
1 million pounds of small-arms ammunition
500,000 pounds of small-arms ammunition, belted
50,000 hand grenades*
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2. Arsenal No. 30, Huchang
Monthly Capacity
20,000 rifle grenades
8,000 hand grenades*
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3. Arsenal No. 44, Tsiran
Monthly Capacity
Located in Hsin Chuang, Tsiran
20,000 rifle-projected flares*
5,000 land mines*
2,000 V-10 flares
400 V-10 pistols
100 M-60 trench mortars*

4. Arsenal No. 90, Mukden
Monthly Capacity
Located in Hsia Tung District, Mukden
5 million pounds of small-arms ammunition
200,000 hand grenades
30,000 M-60 mortar bombs*
20,000 M-82 mortar bombs*
5,000 M-41 75mm mountain gun shells
2,000 rifles*
1,000 assault rifles*
1,000 assault rifles*
100 M-60 trench mortars*
100 light machine guns (LMGs)*
2 M-82 trench mortars*
5 M-41 75mm mountain guns**

5. Arsenal No. 70, Peiping
Monthly Capacity
Located in Lung Hu Palace, Hsin Chiao, Peiping
100,000 hand grenades*

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